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To assist you in tracking your progress toward your specific AFPRR goal and the Modified Settlement Agreement (MSA) goal to license 1,450 non-relative foster homes by June 30, 2013, licensing score cards will be updated on a monthly basis. Updated licensing score cards will be released in January 2013.

Based on data provided by the Bureau of Child and Adult Licensing (BCAL) on the number of opened foster home licenses, DHS is currently behind on its monthly licensing target by 131 homes. To focus our efforts on achieving the MSA mandate of 1,450 homes by June 30, 2013, we are asking local DHS office directors to lead the development of a Goal Achievement Plan. Refer to the attached Foster Home Goal Achievement Plan Template.


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Business Service Center Directors will contact local DHS office directors to discuss progress towards the licensing goals. If by March 1, 2013, individual county performance continues to lag, BSC directors will address performance improvement with local office directors.

Questions on AFPRR plans and goals should be sent to Nicole Leitch, Statewide Recruitment and Retention Coordinator, at LeitchN@michigan.gov.

Attachments:

- Foster Home Goal Achievement Plan

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